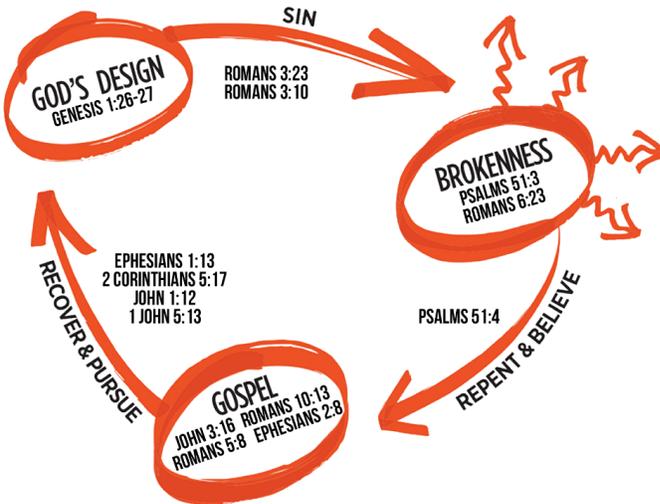


## Conversation starter 24:

### Three Circles Evangelism Tool



#### Scripture:

Genesis 1:26-27  
Romans 3:10  
John 3:16  
Romans 5:8  
Ephesians 1:13  
John 1:12

Romans 3:23  
Psalm 51:4  
Romans 10:13  
Ephesians 2:8  
2 Corinthians 5:17

#### Recap:

This past Sunday, our 1-5 graders learned the 3 circles method of evangelism. Here is a recap of the lesson.

#### Circle 1 / Step 1:

##### God's Design:

We see beauty, purpose and evidence of design all around us. The Bible tells us that God originally planned a world that worked perfectly, where everything and everyone fit together in harmony. God made each of us with a purpose, to worship and walk with Him

Verses:

"God saw all that He had made, and it was very good." - Genesis 1:31

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands" - Psalm 19:1

## **Circle 2 / Step 2:**

### **Sin / Brokenness:**

-Sin leads to a place of brokenness. We see this all around us and in our own lives as well. When we realize life is not working, we begin to look for a way out. We tend to go in many directions trying different things to figure it out on our own. Brokenness leads to a place of realizing a need for something greater.

Verses:

"They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served something created instead of the Creator" - Romans 1:25

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death" - Proverbs 14:12

Life doesn't work when we ignore God and His original design for our lives. We selfishly insist on doing things our own way. The Bible calls this sin. We all sin and distort the original design. The consequence of sin is separation from God, in this life and for all eternity.

Verses:

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" - Romans 3:23 o "For the wages of sin is death" - Romans 6:23

## **Circle 3 / Step 3:**

Gospel

At this point we need a remedy, some good news. Because of His love, God did not leave us in our brokenness. Jesus, God in human flesh, came to us and lived perfectly according to God's design. Jesus came to rescue us, to do for us what we could not do for ourselves. He took our sin to the cross, paying the penalty of our sin by his death. Jesus was then raised from the dead to provide the only way for us to be rescued and restored to a relationship with God.

Verses:

"For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son" - John 3:16

"He erased the certificate of debt... and has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the cross" - Colossians 2:14

Repent & Believe

Simply hearing this Good News is not enough. We must admit our sinful brokenness and stop trusting in ourselves. We don't have the power to escape this brokenness on our own; we need to be rescued. In this, we must ask God to forgive us, turning from sin to trust only in Jesus. This is what it means to repent and believe. Believing, we receive new life through Jesus and God turns our lives in a new direction.

Verses:

"For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourself; it is God's gift, not from works, so that no one can boast" - Ephesians 2:8-9

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" - Romans 10:9

## **Additional:**

Recover & Pursue

When God restores our relationship to him, we begin to discover meaning and purpose in a broken world. Now we can pursue God's Design in all areas of our lives. Even when we fail, we understand God's pathway to be restored, this same Good News of Jesus. God's Spirit empowers us to pursue His Design and assures us of His presence in the life and for all eternity.

Verses:

"For it is God who is working in you, enabling you both to desire and to work out His good purpose" - Philippians 2:13

"For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them" - Ephesians 2:10

A Response

Now that you have heard this Good News, God wants you to respond to him. You can talk to him using words like these:

"My life is broken and I recognize its because of my sin. I need you."

"I believe Jesus came to live, die and was raised from the dead to rescue me from my sin."

"Forgive me. I turn from my selfish ways and put my trust in you." o "I know that Jesus is God, and I will follow Him."

Verses:

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" - Romans 10:13 o "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" - Romans 10:9

## **Game of the week:**

Grab some outdoor chalk and decorate your driveway. Bonus points for presenting the Gospel in chalk.

## **Challenge of the week:**

Learn and practice the 3 circles.